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## Hussein returns home after Saudi, UAE visits

AMMAN, April 30 (JNA)—His Majesty King Hussein returned today from Abu Dhabi following a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).  
The prime minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, in a statement to the press in Abu Dhabi, described the visit as aimed at coordination between His Majesty the king and King Khalid Ibn Abdul Aziz and his son, Crown Prince Faisal Bin Sultan Al Nahayan.  
It also aimed at coordinating positions and analysing the Arab and international situation the prime minister added.  
He said it is part of Jordanian contacts with sisterly Arab countries with the aim of unifying the Arab stand in a bid to combat the challenge of conditions surrounding the region and the Arab homeland.

The views were identical, he said, adding that the brotherly spirit and the extensive cooperation prevailed throughout the visit.  
King Hussein received in Abu Dhabi this afternoon members of the Jordanian community in the UAE and affirmed his plan to contribute to the development and growth of the UAE.  
His Majesty noted that Jordan is playing a major role in the defence of Arab rights in cooperation with Arab countries to achieve an Arab aspirations.

Members of the Jordanian community expressed their pride in meeting His Majesty and pledged support for his leadership.

The prime minister also met with members of the Jordanian community and noted that Jordanians contribute to the reconstruction of Arab lands and to bolstering Jordan's ties with the countries in which they work.

He said: "you are carrying the characteristics of the Jordanian people who consider themselves an asset to their country and to the Jordan Arab homeland".  
The Jordanian king added, "consider anyone who leaves Jordan to work in an Arab or friendly country a representative of His Majesty and his country, Jordan."

He said he hoped that "you will be envoys of good who strengthen the principles upon which Jordan is founded."

The prime minister reiterated that Jordan "under King Hussein's leadership takes big strides forward in the various economic, social and educational fields, as well as in the building of its armed forces in an atmosphere of security, stability and in the spirit of participation between citizens and governments."

"Patriotism and commitment to the homeland lead to progress of the country," he added.

The prime minister emphasised that Jordan "feels the pains of Palestine and considers itself in the forefront of Arab countries which support the legitimate Palestinian rights and Arab aspirations."

The meeting with the Jordanian UAE community was headed by Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khumash and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, who accompanied the king on his visit.

King Hussein was seen off at Abu Dhabi airport by the UAE president, his vice-president and prime minister, the crown prince, top officials, heads of the diplomatic corps and a number of Jordanians living in the UAE.

UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi said earlier today, King Hussein and Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahayan discussed the Gulf, the Middle East conflict and strengthening Arab cooperation.

The official Emirates News Agency said the two heads of state held a closed session of talks after leading their countries' delegations in wide-ranging discussions.

The agency quoted Mr. Nuaimi as saying the talks covered all issues of mutual interest, especially the Gulf and the Middle East conflict, and the need for increased cooperation between Arab states.

King Hussein arrived in the UAE yesterday from Saudi Arabia, where he had talks with King Khalid and Crown Prince Faisal Ibn Abdul Aziz.

## Regional Briefs

WEIRUT, April 30 (R)—Iraq today announced that it would hold its first general elections for more than twenty years on June 20.  
The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said the date was set by President Saddam Hussein in a government decree. The agency stated that six million people over the age of 18 were eligible to choose representatives for a four-year term. It had no record since July 1958 when the monarchy was overthrown.  
INA said that the Iraqi elections would be free and by direct ballot. The Iraqi government announced draft law for a national assembly and the autonomous Kurdistan region's legislative council in December. INA said the parliament would approve the country's budget and treaties and debate domestic and foreign policy.

IS, April 30 (AP)—On the occasion of May Day, the Jordanian government announced today that President Habib Bourguiba has pardoned four union leaders jailed the wake of a strike. The four are identified as Mohammed Chakroun, Sakob Besbes, Hammoud, and Mohammed Ben Ezzeine. In response to the three-day spree of rioting in January 1978, at least 30 people were killed by official count, though unofficial reports say as many as 20 died when troops opened fire on rioters.

Cairo, April 30 (R)—U.S. Assistant Defense Secretary David Mervin left for home today after meeting Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak, a U.S. embassy spokesman said. Mr. Mervin arrived yesterday for talks with Egyptian Defence Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and other officials in an American military assistance to Egypt. The United States has agreed to provide Egypt with advanced military hardware worth \$2 billion over the next five years. It includes F-16 fighter planes and M-60 tanks.

Cairo, April 30 (R)—A small explosive device blew out a side door of the main Jewish synagogue in the centre of Cairo last night, a synagogue official said today. The official said one was hurt and the damage was slight. "Somebody put a small explosive device through the door which leads to the synagogue's basement," he said. Sources close to the police said the explosion was the result of a short circuit in the basement which contains the synagogue's main cable line. The synagogue is being renovated for the first time in 32 years with funds from the World Jewish Federation.

TEL AVIV, April 30 (R)—Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman returned today following a visit to the United States during which he met President Jimmy Carter yesterday. Mr. Weizman said he had completed planning details of the production of a new Israeli fighter jet, to be called the "Lavie", during the visit. "I am now up to the Israeli Aircraft Industry to provide specifications for the F-404 General Electric engines for the plane. These are produced here either wholly or in part," he said. The defence minister said he would take part in the new round of negotiations on Palestinian autonomy due to open here tomorrow.

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جوردان تائمز يومية سبتية تصدر بالانجليزية عن المؤسسة الصحفية الأردنية "الرأي"



Israeli soldiers disperse crowds of demonstrators in Ramallah Tuesday afternoon after Jewish Defence League members distributed leaflets urging the town's residents to emigrate.

## Gunmen seize Iran's embassy in London

LONDON, April 30 (R)—Three armed gunmen seized the Iranian embassy in London today, took about 20 hostages, and demanded the release of 91 prisoners held in the troubled Iranian province of Khuzestan.

About 60 police, many in flak jackets, surrounded the building and began negotiating with the guerrillas through an open window.

Few details of their demands were released by police. But one of the hostages told Reuters by telephone that the gunmen wanted the release of 91 prisoners in Khuzestan.

In Tehran, an Iranian ministry spokesman accused Iraqi agents of taking over the embassy. But a police spokesman at the scene said the guerrillas insisted that the world be told they were "Iranians from Arabistan, South Iran."

This is the name the Arab inhabitants give to Khuzestan, where Arab separatists have been waging a sabotage campaign against oil installations.

The seizure of the embassy, in West London's Kensington district, came just before midday when the gunmen bundled a policeman, standing outside, into the building.

The British policeman — an armed member of a group assigned to protect embassies — was kept hostage along with the 20-odd diplomats and staff inside the building.

As negotiations continued, the guerrillas released one hostage, a woman who was carried to an ambulance.

Police said there had been no shooting and no deadline set by the guerrillas.

The foreign office sent an urgent message to the Iranian government, stating Britain's concern and determination that the incident be "resolved speedily and so much as possible without casualties."

A group of 50 Iranian students

tonight offered to take the places of the hostages.

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## Autonomy talks resume Arab-settlers clashes continue throughout occupied W. Bank

TEL AVIV, April 30 (Agencies)—Clashes between Palestinian Arabs and Jewish settlers continued in the occupied West Bank of Jordan today as Egyptian

officials arrived here to join Israeli and American negotiators in marathon sessions on Palestinian autonomy.

Two Israelis were injured when Arabs stoned two Israeli buses in a suburb of occupied Jerusalem and burned fires in the Arab sector of the city, Israeli Radio reported.

At the same time, Arabs in the West Bank towns of Ramallah and Al Bireh said they were forming vigilante groups to counter attacks by Jewish settlers in the occupied territory.

The two buses were travelling between Jerusalem's French Hill and the Nabi Ya'acub suburb north of the city. Other youths blocked roads in Shu'fat and Qalandia with burning tires, but police removed the barricades.

In Bethlehem and Beit Sahour, there were partial business and school strikes, while in Ramallah authorities arrested five Arabs

involved in a violent counter-demonstration on Monday against right-wing Israeli extremists who called on local Arabs to emigrate.

The decision to organise the community groups followed an attack by Jewish settlers last week in Ramallah in which Arab-owned cars were damaged in retaliation for Arab stoning of Israeli vehicles.

Israeli military sources said several other incidents occurred in various places on the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

"The military government cannot protect us, so we must protect ourselves," said Al Bireh Mayor Ibrahim Tawil in a telephone interview. "The committees will use any means necessary. But we have no weapons."

one of the road blocks set up by Revolutionary Guards across the city in the last few days.

A hospital spokesman said the man, embassy attache Mohammad Al Adwani, was now comfortable after an operation to remove the bullet.

Shortly after this incident, Iranian air force Phantom fighters caused alarm in the capital when they roared over Tehran after an unidentified flying object was spotted over a military base in the northwest of the city. The planes discovered nothing unusual.

There was an encounter yesterday between Iranian and U.S. planes over the Sea of Oman when American fighters buzzed an Iranian transport aircraft in the vicinity of the U.S. aircraft carrier Nimitz, one of the bases for last Thursday's rescue bid.

Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci and Papal Nuncio Annibale Bugnini held a religious ceremony at Tehran's city morgue today over the bodies of eight U.S. servicemen who died in the commando raid when a helicopter collided with a plane.

Officials at the president's office said Monsignor Capucci would accompany the bodies to Switzerland where they would be handed over to Red Cross representatives. They did not say when.

Revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, in a message to Mark Labour Day tomorrow, attacked President Carter and implied that the U.S. was responsible for recent acts of violence here.

He said: "The work of Mr. Carter, which has changed from fighting into robbery and from military intervention into secret working and explosions, has made him an unfortunate person, so that even his colleagues have turned away from him and doubt his military power."

November 4, and did not forego any action he might deem necessary to secure their release.

But his emphasis was on peaceful actions, despite the difficulties of dealing with what he called a government that had sponsored a crime.

He did not repeat a statement he made at his last press conference 12 days ago that military action seemed to be the only step available to him to end the crisis.

The grim-faced president was subdued and his responses to most of the questions were low-keyed.

But his rage broke through when he talked about how the bodies of the eight dead Americans had been displayed in the compound of the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

Recalling that a busload of Iranians detained near the commandos' desert landing site had not been harmed, the president declared:

"This is in sharp contrast to the ghastly action of the terrorists and some of the government officials in Iran... who displayed, in a horrible exhibition of inhumanity, the bodies of our courageous Americans."

Defending his decision to go ahead with the raid and dealing with sharp questions about the reasons for its collapse when three helicopters broke down in the Iranian desert, Mr. Carter said there

aimed at producing substantial progress by the May 26 target.

"Our task is to try our best and dedicate every moment so that we can achieve full success for the negotiations to establish full autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza Strip as a step toward comprehensive peace in the Middle East," Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil said upon arrival at Ben-Gurion airport.

Mr. Khalil's delegation included Defence Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and Dr. Buroos Ghali, minister of state for foreign affairs. The Israeli delegates, fresh from a cabinet meeting in occupied Jerusalem where Prime Minister Menachem Begin laid down guidelines for the talks, included for the first time Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, who has shunned the previous 11 months of talks.

The new round starts tomorrow with 10 days of talks in the Israeli coastal town of Herzlia, just north of Tel Aviv, and then moves to Egypt. The only breaks scheduled are for religious observances, although quick trips home for consultations may be required.

President Carter agreed with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli leader Menachem Begin in talks in Washington two weeks ago to alternate the negotiations between their two countries in virtually continuous sessions in the hope of reaching agreement by the May 26 target date.

U.S. special envoy Sol Linowitz put forward American ideas today in an effort to revive fading hopes of reaching agreement by the target date of May 26.

The envoy told reporters he had put up the idea of Mr. Begin at a meeting held in occupied Jerusalem this morning. The discussion, in Mr. Linowitz's words, was "very frank and very thorough." But no details of the ideas or the response by Mr. Begin were immediately disclosed.

Mr. Linowitz presented the Israeli leader with the American reply to a four-point position paper set out by Mr. Begin during his visit to Washington.

After hearing Mr. Linowitz's reply to the points Mr. Begin went into a cabinet session to report to his colleagues and hear their views. Because of the cabinet's increasingly hardline complexion, it seemed unlikely that any major Israeli concessions would be offered at Herzlia.

Israeli military sources said 12 people were arrested last night in the West Bank town of Halhoul, suspected of stoning an Israeli bus the previous night.

In another incident, a grenade was thrown at an Israeli car in Hebron last night and landed in a cemetery without exploding.

In Tel Aviv, police said an explosive device was set off in the courtyard of a house near the city's main bus station tonight, slightly injuring one person.

Meanwhile, top Egyptian officials arrived here today to join Israeli and American negotiators in talks on Palestinian autonomy

treaties, and the president's initiatives for a Middle East peace.

Although he has no experience in international negotiations, Mr. Muskie is no novice in foreign affairs. He was chairman of the senate foreign affairs committee and was briefed in depth on foreign policy when he ran unsuccessfully for vice president in 1968 and for president four years later.

His major reputation, however, has been made in the field of domestic policy, especially environmental control and government spending.



President Carter shakes hands with his new secretary of state, Mr. Edmund Muskie (left), after he announced his choice Tuesday night in the press room at the White House. Standing at the back is Vice President Walter Mondale (centre) and outgoing Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. (AP wirephoto)

## Muskie choice wins widespread support

WASHINGTON, April 30 (Agencies)—The surprise choice of Senator Edmund Muskie as U.S. secretary of state won widespread support today as he and President Jimmy Carter stressed continuity in foreign policy and hopes for a peaceful resolution of the Iran hostage crisis.

Mr. Muskie was named by the president yesterday to succeed Mr. Cyrus Vance, who resigned in protest against last week's abortive mission ordered by Mr. Carter to rescue the American hostages held in Tehran since Nov. 4.

His first words after appearing with Mr. Carter at the White House signalled a cautious course and an intention to end the widespread impression of disarray in U.S. foreign policy.

Mr. Muskie, a strong personality with a short temper, made it clear that he would be the man in charge following reported power struggles between the moderate Mr. Vance and the hawkish White House security adviser, Mr. Zbigniew Brzezinski.

Congressmen said he would not have taken the job unless he had been assured he would be Mr. Carter's principal foreign policy adviser in fact as well as in name.

Mr. Muskie's popularity and Polish ancestry, appealing especially to millions of American-Polish voters, were seen as a political dividend for Mr. Carter in his

campaign for another four-year White House term.

But so far, he has not endorsed Mr. Carter in the 1980 presidential election campaign.

His well-known bluntness and independence of mind were underlined by a report today of a meeting that Mr. Carter had with him and other congressmen yesterday about his new post.

The Washington Post quoted Mr. Muskie as saying at the meeting that he did not expect to hold the job for very long. "It will probably be an eight-month job," he was quoted as saying in what appeared to be a prediction about Mr. Carter's prospects for reelection.

"When he said that, Carter blanched," a participant at the meeting said, according to the report.

After announcing his choice of Mr. Muskie, the president last night held a press conference at which he said he had no apology for launching the military rescue operation that failed last week.

Mr. Carter, who bitterly denounced Iranian militants for their "ghastly" action in displaying the bodies of Americans killed in the raid, said that at least he had tried to free the innocent kidnap victims in Tehran.

The president warned Iran not to take reprisals against the 50 Americans held hostage since











## Indicators forecast deep U.S. recession

WASHINGTON, April 30 (Agencies)—The third steepest monthly decline in history in America's index of economic indicators, which was reported today by the U.S. Commerce Department, provided more evidence that the nation may face a deep recession. The index fell 2.6 per cent in March.

It was the eighth decline in the past 12 months and the steepest for any month since September of 1974 when it fell 3 per cent as the economy was sinking into the 1974-1975 recession. "It means forces are very much tilted toward recession," said Mr. Felix Tamm, a commerce department analyst.

Mr. Tamm said there are many similarities between the behavior of the index in recent months and its behavior during the last recession, although it doesn't yet give much indication of the severity of the expected new downturn.

The 1974-1975 recession was the worst slide in the economy since the great depression. President Jimmy Carter and many other top administration officials, as well as many private economists, believe the economy entered a recession in February or March. While Mr. Carter says the new recession will be mild and short, others see a steeper downturn, especially with the crippling

decline in home building activity and the plunge in domestic auto sales.

The index of economic indicators is designed to point to future trends in the economy. Mr. Tamm said it has been pointing to sluggish or negative growth for the past 17 months. The index declined 0.4 per cent in February. It was unchanged in January, on the basis of a new revision, but declined during the previous three months. The index fell by more than 2.6 per cent in September of 1953, when it dropped 2.8 per cent.

Mr. Tamm said that the average monthly decline has been 0.8 per cent, which he said is "particularly important" in reflecting weakness of the economy.

Seven of the 10 individual statistics used in the index declined in March, led by stock prices and building permits. Also negative were the average work week, the job layoff rate, raw materials prices, the money supply, and new factory orders. On the positive side were sales deliveries, cash and other liquid assets and plant and equipment orders. The index stood in March at 131.3 of the 1967 average of 100.

Meanwhile, U.S. Steel Corporation and Bethlehem Steel Corporation, the two largest

American steel producers, reported lower earnings for the first quarter of 1980 as industry shipments slackened.

U.S. Steel said its profits for the quarter fell eight per cent to \$126.0 million from \$137.3 million in 1979. Benefiting from higher steel prices and improved non-steel operations sales rose to \$3.2 billion from \$3.1 billion. Bethlehem Steel saw its profits slip eight per cent to \$54.4 million from \$59.2 million. Sales rose to \$1.93 billion from \$1.73 billion.

Despite the downturn, U.S. Steel said it was encouraged by the results. The company noted that all subsidiaries, including its steel operations—which posted a loss for all of 1979—were profitable

during the quarter. But most earnings came from non-steel sources. Bethlehem Steel said imports combined with a weakening domestic market could hurt profits in the coming months.

On the other hand America's trade deficit narrowed to \$3.16 billion in March as exports surged by the largest percentage in two years, the commerce department reported yesterday. The March figure was \$2.4 billion lower than February's record level of \$5.6 billion.

Exports in March were up 7.6 per cent—the biggest increase since a 12.1 per cent boost in March 1978. Imports, meanwhile, declined 4.9 per cent in March, the department said.

## China discovers new oil fields

PEKING, April 30 (R)—Six new major oil deposits have been discovered around China's largest oilfield at Daqing in the north-east of the country, boosting known reserves at the field by 13.3 per cent, the New China News Agency (NCNA) said today.

Quoting oilfield officials, the agency said the six major deposits would be developed into satellite oilfields and were expected to yield a total of three million tonnes of oil a year. Oil and gas flows of industrial values had been discovered at 20 locations altogether, NCNA added.

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1980

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't argue with anyone over money matters during the daytime and then you can have a pleasant evening. Be wise.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Listening to ideas of associates instead of forcing yours on them brings more success now. Sidelstep one who imposes on you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Handle your work in a careful manner so that you don't have any problems connected with it. Safeguard your health.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Complete your regular duties early in the day so you'll have time for recreation later. Show affection for loved one.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Ideal day for communicating with outsiders, so get an early start. Evening is best for studying a possible money-making venture.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Use care in motion today and avoid possible accident. Take needed health treatments and improve your appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make plans to save more money instead of spending it lavishly. Sidelstep a foe who could lead you in the wrong direction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You want others to cooperate more with your wishes, but you have to be more tactful if you want to get your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get busy doing something constructive if you feel limited in some way. Come to a better understanding with mate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Avoid crotchety acquaintance during the day and then you can go out socially in the evening and have a fine time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be tactful with higher-ups today and avoid possible trouble. Enjoy cultural pursuits with congenials in the evening.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Associates could have fixed points of view at this time so sidestep any arguments. Take time to plan for the future.

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATE

LONDON, April 30 (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

One sterling	2.2570/85	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.872/75	Canadian dollar
	1.8005/15	West German mark
	1.9890/9920	Dutch guilder
	1.6670/90	Swiss franc
	29.00/05	Belgian franc
	4.2020/70	French franc
	864.50/847.50	Italian lire
	239.20/50	Japanese yen
	4.2100/4.2200	Swedish crown
	4.9340/90	Norwegian crown
	5.6350/6400	Danish crown
One ounce of gold	512.00/516.00	U.S. dollars

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, April 30 (R) — The market closed firm after a moderately active session, dealers said. At 1500 the FT index was up 5.7 at 442.4.

After early firmness government bonds slipped ¼ point at the long end on reports a policeman was being held hostage inside the Iranian embassy in London and news of Bundesbank discount and Lombard rate rises. Gains on the day stretched to 7½ point on hopes of an early cut in minimum lending rate. Leading equities moved up to 6p higher but gold shares were mixed. American were mixed while Canadians were selectively higher.

Oils were a firm feature with Ultramar closing 28p up at 65p and Burmah 5p higher. Gains of 4p to 6p were seen in ICI, GKN, Tube Investments and Metal Box. BAT Industries firmed 14p after results and Pearson finished 2p up after it announced it would make an offer for Fairway Holdings.

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# Zulu chief raps government tactics South African police crack down on protest by coloured students

JOHANNESBURG, April 30 (R)—South African police dispersed demonstrating black students with tear-gas in Durban today soon after Zulu chief Gatsha Buthelezi accused the government of using sabre-rattling tactics against coloured (mix race) pupils demanding educational equality.

White students at Cape Town University staged a protest march around their campus in sympathy with the two-week-old movement by at least 100,000 school-children, mainly coloured. At the same time more than 1,200 teachers in Cape Town threatened to join in the nationwide boycott of classes. So far the protest has involved mainly students between 13 and 18 years of age.

Many parents kept their children at home in the Johannesburg area following a big police crack-down yesterday. A total of 854 pupils appeared in all-night court sittings after the breaking up of a demonstration in the coloured Westbury area. The pupils were charged under the Riotous Assemblies Act and released until May 13.

Following up a warning by Pre-

mier Pieter Botha in Parliament last night that organisers of the boycott would get hurt if the movement was not called off, Police Minister Louis le Grange promised tough action against illegal demonstrations.

Soon after this warning, police in the Indian Ocean seaport of Durban used tear-gas to disperse a group of about 600 black students trying to hold a protest march in sympathy with their coloured colleagues, witnesses said.

No other incidents were reported, though in Cape Town thousands of coloured school-children staged protests inside their school grounds calling for equal education for all.

Chief Buthelezi, whose five million Zulus form South Africa's largest single ethnic group, said in



Gatsha Buthelezi

a statement that the schools boycott, like the black schools protest which led to the bloody Soweto riots, could "trigger off something big."

In 1976, black protest against the education system led to violent confrontation with police which began in the huge Johannesburg satellite city of Soweto and flared across the country, leaving about 600 dead.

Mr. Botha told parliament yesterday the government would oppose those who sought to push it around "from behind the uniforms of schoolchildren."

"I want to warn those people. They are going to get hurt and if there are some unfortunate consequences, they must not come with recriminations later," Mr. Botha said.

Chief Buthelezi, who advocates a national multi-racial convention to tackle South Africa's problems, said that unless fundamental changes were brought about these problems would never be solved.

He charged that "sabre-rattling" on the education issue would further erode prospects of a peaceful settlement.

A student spokesman said more than 4,000 of the 12,000 mainly white students on the Cape Town University campus had come out in support of the class boycott.

## Cuban refugee wave reaches Florida

KEY WEST, Florida, April 30 (R)—More than 400 Cuban refugees had reached Florida by early today in the second major wave of a small boat exodus from the communist-controlled island, which has cost at least four lives in the past three days.

A coast guard spokesman in Miami said a search plane spotted two more bodies southeast of Key West yesterday—apparently victims of a weekend storm which temporarily halted the seafast and drowned two Cuban-Americans whose bodies were retrieved on Monday from a capsized cabin cruiser.

By darkness last night, 15 boats had made the 175-kilometre trip from Mariel, near Havana, carrying more than 400 Cubans, according to customs officers monitoring arrivals at Key West.

Florida national guardsmen patrolled the quays and helped keep Cuban sympathisers well away from the seafloor.

Generally the refugees' clothes were all they had been able to bring with them, apart from an occasional shoulder bag.

Some began to sing as they boarded buses after initial processing by U.S. immigration officials, but most seemed more bemused than exultant. But their voyage from Mariel had been uneventful under clear blue skies.

Just how many boats were still at Mariel awaiting permission from Cuban authorities to embark passengers and depart was unclear. Official coast guard estimates yesterday morning were around 1,700.

An estimated 3,900 Cubans have landed in Florida since the sea-lift began last week and about 1,600 have so far been processed by immigration officials here and in Miami.

Official sources in Miami said about 15 of the newcomers had been jailed because of their known criminal records in Cuba.

## Dutch queen formally abdicates, succeeded by daughter Beatrix

AMSTERDAM, April 30 (R)—Queen Juliana of the Netherlands today formally abdicated and was succeeded by her eldest daughter Beatrix.

The 42-year-old crown princess became the country's sixth monarch as soon as her mother signed the instrument of abdication at a brief ceremony in the royal palace here attended by the entire Dutch cabinet.

Queen Juliana, who abdicated on her 71st birthday because she said she was getting too old to fulfil her duties responsibly, reverted to her former title of princess. She will not be known as the queen mother.

With her daughter sitting beside her, she said in a short speech in the palace that it was better for the Netherlands "that a fresh new force takes my place."

Thousands of people waited outside in the Dam Square, regarded as the heart of the Dutch capital and the country, to hail the new queen.

A day of national festivities began this morning with the firing of 101 shots from the guided missile frigate De Ruyter, moored on the nearby river IJ.

Queen Juliana, in a pale grey dress, signed the abdication document in the same room in which her mother, Queen Wilhelmina, abdicated in her favour in September 1948. Queen Juliana's reign lasted 31 years and seven months.

Royal household officials said a blueprint on arrangements for the abdication of Queen Juliana and the inauguration of her eldest daughter had existed for at least a decade before the monarch announced in January that she intended to step down.

Rumours that Queen Juliana was to abdicate swept the country several times during her reign. They began in 1956 when a public row broke after she consulted a faith healer to try to cure the partial blindness of the youngest of her four daughters.

Four years ago her husband, Prince Bernhard, became entangled in the Lockheed bribes affair. A government commission found he had solicited money from the U.S. aircraft manufacturer and he was forced to resign as commander-in-chief of the Dutch armed forces.

The enthronement of Queen Beatrix brings about marked changes in the royal House of Orange.

Queen Beatrix, unlike her more easy-going mother, is a strong-willed, impatient woman with an overwhelming sense of public duty.

The new queen is expected to play a more dynamic public role, within the considerable limits imposed by the constitution, than her highly popular mother.

Queen Beatrix is widely regarded as a very different personality from her mother, who was fond of cycling along country lanes and abolished much of the stiff formality at court.

The new monarch has been compared to her grandmother Queen Wilhelmina, a dominating figure who reigned for 50 years.

As queen, Beatrix will preside over the country's highest advisory body, the Council of State, to which she has belonged since she was 18. She is reported to take copious notes at council meetings, at which her mother generally stayed in the background.

"I'm a perfectionist," the new monarch says of herself. "I always try to succeed 100 per cent... If I could put a finger on one of my faults it could be my impatience."

As crown princess, her main interests have been in social affairs. She has been closely associated with projects to help deprived children and minority groups. Before her marriage she donned a wig and dark glasses and, incognito, joined a Salvation Army team working among prostitutes in Amsterdam's red-light area.

Her wedding provided an example of her determination. She chose Amsterdam, traditionally a centre of radical protest, and not the more sedate city of The Hague, for her marriage in 1966 to diplomat Claus von Amsberg, disliked by many Dutch people because he was a German.

## NATO denies defector's claims

BRUSSELS, April 30 (R)—NATO officials today dismissed as propaganda claims by a Belgian secretary who recently defected to East Germany that she had access to the alliance's most secret papers.

Miss Imelda Verrept, 35, went over to East Berlin during the Easter weekend. She told East German television last night she handed documents from NATO's nuclear planning group, defence planning committee and political section.

NATO officials said today that she did not have access to high-level classified information.

A cheerful, plump woman who joined NATO headquarters in 1973, Miss Verrept worked as a French-language typist in the organisation's international secretariat.

About 20 secretaries work in the French-language typing pool and for security reasons each types only one out of every 15 pages of a document so that she cannot have an overall view of the paper, officials said.

She probably also learned details on the private lives or problems of NATO's employees as she was active in the women's and social sections of the employees' associations, they said.

But they consider her "small fry" compared to Miss Ursel Lorenzen, the German secretary who defected last year after working in a vital NATO department. "She knew ten times less than Lorenzen and she just repeated on East German television what she was told to say," one official said.

"It is all part of the communist bloc's campaign against the modernisation of NATO's nuclear weapons and its efforts to see the alliance come back on its Dec. 12 decision to have them deployed in Western Europe," he said.

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He added his voice to calls for an impartial inquiry into reports of napalm and lethal chemical weapons including three different

gases being used against defenceless Afghan civilians.

Soviet Ambassador Viktor Israelyan later denied at a news conference that his government's troops in Afghanistan had employed chemical weapons, and challenged the United States and other critics to prove allegations about this.

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Juliana (right) with Beatrix, the Netherlands' new queen

## World News Briefs

COPENHAGEN, April 30 (R)—A large part of central Copenhagen was sealed off by police today following extensive demonstrations street fighting in an inner slum quarter. The trouble began in city's Noerrebro quarter yesterday, when street fighting broke out between several thousand demonstrators and 500 police. Stones thrown at the police, considerable damage was caused to property and over 100 arrests have been made, police said. The demonstrators started a sit-in to protest against the clearing by the authorities of a condemned site, which had been used for recreational purposes. Police removed the demonstrators from the site yesterday, and it to be cleared for the building of a new block of flats. A work sent in this morning to dismantle the barricades which now cordoned the quarter, and behind which thousands of demonstrators had taken refuge, refused to commence work while the police were present. Senior police superintendent said the street fighting was the violent ever seen in the Danish capital.

CATANIA, Sicily, April 30 (R)—Flashes of lightning shot out at night from the main craters of Mount Etna, Europe's largest volcano, and experts said a new eruption could follow. The 3,329 metre volcano has been dormant since last September, when a gas explosion opened a new crater and killed nine tourists climbing slopes. Volcanologists said the lightning, reflecting explosions in the lava-filled craters, was preceded by a growing number of tremors.

LONDON, April 30 (AP)—Britain's armed forces have been hit by big pay hike averaging 16.8 per cent, part of the Conservative government's bid to step up recruitment and build up a highly-defence establishment. The increases, announced in Parliament yesterday, were backdated to April 1. They top the 14 per cent limit pay hikes in the civil services, state-run industries and other government services. Britain currently has 319,000 servicemen and women. The pay hikes will add £290 million to the government's defence bill, which this year will run to a projected £10.8 billion. The pay hikes range from 14.5 per cent for enlisted men and junior commissioned officers to 20 per cent for brigadiers, the highest covered by the award. That means the top level for a private is up to £5,011 a year, a regimental sergeant-major to £9,125, a second-lieutenant to £5,211 and a brigadier to £18,250.

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP)—Newscaster Walter Cronkite of the Columbia Broadcasting Company (CBS) flatly denied yesterday that he would consider running for vice-president on a ticket with presidential hopeful Mr. John Anderson. Mr. Cronkite, named polls as one of the most popular and highly trusted men in America was quoted in the May 3 issue of Newsweek magazine as saying would be honoured to join Mr. Anderson in the 1980 presidential race. However, in a statement issued through CBS, Mr. Cronkite said: "I have no interest in entering politics in any capacity. I have never endorsed a political candidate and I have no intention of endorsing a political candidate in the upcoming campaign, including Mr. Anderson." The statement concluded: "It is not the time of a political career has been suggested for me and my answer is the same as it has always been—no interest."

KATHMANDU, April 30 (R)—King Birendra of Nepal has won his subjects against political violence on Friday when 7.2 million Nepalese vote in a national referendum to decide whether they want a multi-party system. King Birendra, in a message to this Himalayan kingdom of 14 million last night, said that trouble-makers would deal with "firmly without let or hindrance." The referendum will decide whether Nepal should revive its political parties, banned in 1960 after a one-year experiment with democracy, or retain a present Panchayat (council) government system. At least one person has died this month and an unknown number have been injured in the past year in violent clashes between supporters of the non-party and the multi-party system. The referendum was called after six violence a year ago when 40 people died in an upsurge of protest against the ban on political parties. Home Minister Jog Mehta Shrestha today denied unofficial reports which said six people had been killed last Thursday in fighting in the south-eastern town of Janakpur.

SEOUL, April 30 (R)—The South Korea Central Intelligence Agency (KCIA), whose former chief assassinated President Park Chung-hee last October, today announced a major reshuffle affecting most of its senior officials. Thirty-three of the agency's 40 section chiefs and bureau directors had been replaced, said acting KCIA director Lieutenant-General Chun Doo-hwan, who was appointed two weeks ago to succeed condemned assassin Mr. Kim Jae-bok. General Chun told a press conference yesterday he planned to take the function of the KCIA to prevent it from abusing power as it is under the late president. The agency will now be charged only with anti-communist intelligence and other security functions, he said.

WASHINGTON, April 30 (R)—The United States will keep grain sales to the Soviet Union to a minimum for most of next year because of the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan, Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland said yesterday. In doing so, the United States would still be honouring a five-year grain supply agreement between the two countries which expired in September next year, he told reporters. After the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, President Carter on Jan. 4 restricted grain sales to the Soviet Union to eight million tonnes, the minimum allowed, this year. Mr. Bergland said eight million tonnes would also be the most the Soviet Union could buy in the 12 months beginning in September.

## Ohira, Carter to meet

WASHINGTON, April 30 (R)—President Carter gets his first face-to-face reaction from a major ally to the abortive Iran rescue tomorrow when he meets Japanese Premier Masayoshi Ohira.

Mr. Ohira is expected to urge him in their two-hour talk at the White House to confine himself to diplomacy and negotiation in future efforts to free the 53 Americans held hostage in Iran.

But U.S. officials emphasised today that there were no major differences between the two men and Washington was grateful for the sacrifices Japan has made to back the U.S. over Iran.

Japan has ended imports of Iranian oil and agreed, along with European Common Market countries, to impose economic sanctions on Iran unless there is major progress by May 17 toward freeing the hostages.

Mr. Ohira and Foreign Minister Suburo Okita were due to arrive this afternoon for the visit. They are also going to Canada and Mexico, where they are expected to seek bigger oil supplies.

Mr. Ohira is expected to discuss with Mr. Carter Japan's new need for oil following its Iran cutoff. About ten per cent of Japan's oil came from Iran.

He will assure Mr. Carter, according to Japanese officials in Tokyo, that Japan stands firmly behind the United States despite last week's unsuccessful rescue bid by U.S. troops and the resignation of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who opposed the venture.

Mr. Ohira still regards the United Nations as a possible mediator in the hostage crisis. Mr. Okita will see U.S. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim in New York during the visit. Japan is also expected to assist Mr. Carter that it backs a boycott of the Moscow Olympic Games in retaliation for Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, though Japanese Olympic chiefs have the final word on that on May 22.

"Japan has been extremely supportive of our policies and we are appreciative of the sacrifices they have made," said one U.S. official.

"We will be seeking support for our policies in Southwest Asia (over Iran and Afghanistan) but that is not to say there are no differences between ourselves and Japan."

Other subjects likely to be discussed include the reduced U.S. naval presence in the Japan Sea, because of the Afghan and Iranian crises and U.S. efforts to narrow the gap in its trade imbalance with Japan, which last year was \$8.6 billion in Japan's favour.

## Sweden faced with worst labour strife in 70 years

STOCKHOLM, April 30 (R)—Sweden faced its worst labour strife in 70 years today after unions rejected the latest wage offer and employers vowed to lock out 750,000 workers at midnight tomorrow.

"The difference between the parties is so great, it's pointless to discuss what an acceptable offer would be," said Mr. Gunnar Nilsson, chairman of the Trade Unions Confederation (LO).

"I see nothing which could prevent the conflict," said Mr. Ciof Ljunggren, managing-director of the Swedish Employers' Confederation (SAF).

LO has demanded an 11.3 per cent rise for the rest of the year for its 2.2 million members. Today it rejected an offer from government mediators, which SAF accepted, of about 2.3 per cent.

If the employers begin their week-long lockout as planned from midnight tomorrow, the unions have said they will pull 100,000 members out on strike.

No further private sector meetings were scheduled for today or tomorrow, then the labour movement's traditional May Day demonstrations are expected to be massive.

Meanwhile, a six-day strike of 14,000 public sector employees and the lockout of 12,000 more continued to ground civil air traffic, halt most television and radio broadcasts, close the Stockholm underground and disrupt schools and hospitals.

Queues of lorries built up on Sweden's borders with Finland and Norway as customs men struck. But today the customs officials began to give lorries in transit through Sweden a special customs clearance.

## Hollywood pays homage to Sir Alfred

LOS ANGELES, April 30 (R)—Hollywood today paid homage to its master of suspense films. Sir Alfred Hitchcock, who died at his home here at the age of 80 with his family by his bedside.

James Stewart, who starred in four of Sir Alfred's 60 films— "Rope," "Rear Window," "The Man Who Knew Too Much" and "Vertigo"—said of the British-born director: "I have lost a great



Sir Alfred Hitchcock

friend and the world has lost one of its finest directors. He has been a source of joy to people all over the world."

Henry Fonda said: "Sir Alfred was a genius with camera angles. Hollywood has lost a great one."

Actress Tippi Hedren, who appeared in two Hitchcock films, "The Birds" and "Marnie," commented: "Sir Alfred, a master director and storyteller, is a cult and will remain so."

Actor Robert Cummings, who appeared in two Hitchcock films, "Saboteur" and "Dial M for Mur-

der," said: "Sir Alfred was one of the kindest, most considerate men I ever met."

Sir Alfred, a naturalised American who received his knighthood last January, died yesterday. His wife of 53 years, Alma, their daughter, Patricia, and their three grandchildren were at his bedside.

A spokesman for his film studio, Universal, said Sir Alfred had a heart pacemaker and suffered crippling bouts of arthritis in his last years which confined him to a wheelchair or crutches. His health had been failing for a week and his death had been expected.

Studio workers, ranging from stagehands to directors, mourned the death of the man who said his mission in life was to scare cinema audiences and also to entertain them. "I know when an audience is going to scream and I enjoy it," Sir Alfred said.

The small, portly film-maker, always called "Hitch" and probably best known for his spine-chilling "Psycho" and "Spellbound," was working to the end. His next film "The Short Night" was to be about British spy George Blake.

Mr. Hitchcock was an exacting director who would rehearse scenes months in advance. Nothing was left to chance in one of his films.

Sir Alfred once explained his work this way: "The only way to get rid of my fears is to make films about them."

At the age of six he was once locked in a police cell for five

minutes by his father as a punishment and he said the terror he felt never left him. "Even a policeman asking for my driving licence is enough to chill me," he said, adding that this was a reason he never learned to drive.

Ingrid Bergman, who acted as mistress of ceremonies at a dinner in tribute to him last year, said then the director was an adorable genius who had taught her much about acting. "He is a farmer who raises geese," she said.

The Hitchcock film "Rebecca" starring Laurence Olivier, won a Hollywood Oscar in 1940 for best film. But Sir Alfred never won an Oscar for directing, although he was nominated for "Rebecca," "Lifeboat," "Spellbound," "Rear Window," and "Psycho."

Sir Alfred, who sometimes had trouble pronouncing his words in his final years but never lost his wit, said of the tributes and accolades, including the French Legion of Honour, poured on him towards the end of his career: "This has encouraged me. I will go on."

A fleeting shot of himself became Mr. Hitchcock's trademark in his films. One that produced most difficulty was "Lifeboat," the tale of nine people stranded alone in a boat after their ship was torpedoed.

Mr. Hitchcock got round the plot by having actor William Bendix read a weight-reducing advertisement in an old newspaper illustrated by a photograph of a fat man—Mr. Hitchcock.

their manufactured goods back to Africa at high prices.

Many speakers at the summit and at a week's preparatory ministerial meeting had spoken of the need for African states to reduce the rate of violent political upheavals on the continent by improving the lives of their people through economic development.

Ethiopia was the first to bring up the subject of the Liberian coup when Colonel Addis Tedla, economic affairs minister of Ethiopia's ruling military council, said his country deeply regretted the absence from the conference of a delegation from the new Liberian government headed by Master-Sergeant Samuel Doe.

Meanwhile, the new military regime in Liberia, bowing to international pressure, yesterday announced that there would be no more executions of ousted gov-

ernment officials.

The execution of 13 officials of the deposed government of President Tolbert has left the regime of 28-year-old Sergeant Doe isolated internationally.

The 13 officials were executed on April 22, ten days after the coup in which President Tolbert was killed. The executions provoked appeals for clemency from the OAU and other governments.

The OAU will send a three-nation peace-keeping force to Chad to try to end the latest month-old bout of fighting in the Chad civil war, OAU Secretary-General Edem Kodjo reaffirmed here today.

About 2,000 troops from Congo, Benin and Guinea would be sent to the central African state on behalf of the 50-nation pan-African organisation, he said.

Chad President Goukouni Oueddei, whose forces are fighting a rebellion by recently dismissed defence minister Mr. Hissene Habre, gave his blessing to the sending of the force as soon as possible, Mr. Kodjo said.

In several interviews given in the past two days in Lagos, President Goukouni has said that there could be no reconciliation with his former minister. He said the fighting, concentrated in and around the capital, N'Djamena, would go on until there was a clear winner.

Mr. Kodjo said the peace-keeping force would be flown to N'Djamena as soon as possible.

## Disarmament negotiators end session

GENEVA, April 30 (R)—Disarmament negotiators last night ended a three-month session which was dominated by East-West wrangling over Kampuchea and the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

But the 40-member committee succeeded in setting up a working party to consider banning the production and stockpiling of chemical weapons even while delegations traded charges about the use of these weapons in Afghanistan and Indochina.

The United Nations-backed panel, grouping all five nuclear powers in a regular disarmament forum for the first time, will meet again next June 12 at the Geneva U.N. offices.

Newly-formed groups will then resume their study of how nuclear powers should guarantee the safety of states without nuclear weapons, as well as a possible ban on radiological weapons which

destroy by non-nuclear radiation and a comprehensive programme of disarmament.

Delegates failed to reach a last-minute compromise on the admittance of non-committee members Denmark, Spain, Austria, Vietnam and the two sides in the Kampuchea conflict to the chemical weapons group.

East Germany and Mongolia rejected Western proposals that Spain, Austria and Denmark should be invited as "non-controversial" candidates, arguing that Vietnam's credentials as a U.N. member state were also impeccable.

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